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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 62, 67, without prejudice or disclaimer thereof. Please amend claims 1, 27, 66, 101, 108, 109, and 128 as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A micro-structured optical fibre for transmitting at least a predetermined wavelength of light, said optical fibre having an axial direction and a cross section perpendicular to said axial direction, said optical fibre comprising:

a core region having a multiplicity of spaced apart core features that are elongated in the fibre axial direction and disposed in a core material, said core region having an effective index of refraction N_{co} ; and

a cladding region surrounding said core region, said cladding region comprising a multiplicity of spaced apart cladding features that are elongated in the fibre axial direction and disposed in a first cladding material, and said cladding region having an effective index of refraction N_{cl} , wherein a plurality of said cladding features have a

